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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
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| | 10/666,029 | ARQUILEVICH ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Charles W. Stewart, Jr. | 2853 |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Remarks filed November 12, 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29 and 55-64.
3. The drawings filed on 17 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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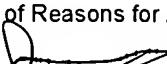
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


Stephen D. Meier
Primary Examiner

Reason for Allowance

The following is a statement of reasons for allowable subject matter:

The inclusions of the claimed invention are not found in the prior art. The difference is considered patentable over the prior art. Claims 1-19 recites the limitation in the combination of plural light emitting elements sharing the outgoing light path to illuminate an object within the hardcopy device; and a sensor which receives light reflected from the illuminated object through the incoming light path. Claims 20-29 recites the limitation in the combination of illuminating an object within the hardcopy device with plural light emitting elements each sharing a common light path; receiving light reflected from the illuminated object; and interpreting information about said parameter from the received reflected light. Claims 55-64 recites the limitation in the combination of illuminating an object within the hardcopy device with plural light emitting elements each sharing a common light path; receiving light reflected from the illuminated object; and interpreting information about said parameter from the received reflected light. The claim combination reflects an improvement in the field of endeavor and over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must submit no later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Examiner Charles Stewart, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-2154.

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February 16, 2005


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